

Annapolis, Md., July 28th, 1905.

The Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland met, this day, at noon, in the office of the Treasurer, in the City of Annapolis. There were present:

Governor Warfield, Comptroller of the Treasury, Atkinson, and Treasurer Vandiver.

The Governor read the advertisement for proposals for the state printing, under chapter ----- of the Acts of 1904 and stated to those assembled in anticipation of the opening of the bids that the Board reserved to itself the right to reject any and all bids and asked if there were any protests against this course. There being none, the Governor stated that the Board would consider that the bidders who were present recognized the Board's right to decline to accept any or all of the bids offered.

His Excellency, thereupon, stated that he had found some very grave irregularities in this law, as printed in the Acts of 1904. He stated that the law had been changed by some one without authority at some stage in its legislative career, and that without amendment to that effect, the maximum amount named in said bill had been changed from \$18,000 to \$25,000 and that the bill as signed by him gave the amount as \$25,000, whereas, the Journals of the House and Senate, which he had carefully examined, showed not only that the amount had never been increased in either House to \$25,000, but also that an attempt in the Senate to amend the bill by changing the amount of \$18,000 to \$30,000 was decisively defeated by a vote of 17 to 8.

The Governor read from the records and showed that his statement was correct.

The Comptroller, thereupon, moved that no bid for more than \$18,000 should be considered by the Board; seconded by the Treasurer and carried.

The Board, thereupon, proceeded to open the bids, and the following were received:

Hanzsche & Co., \$23,000, accompanied by proper bond of U. S.

F. & G. Co.

The W. J. C. Dulany Co., \$25,000, bond of American Bonding Co.

B. H. Sincell, Oakland, \$23,500, bond of American Bonding Co.

Wm. Abbott & Sons, \$25,000, with personal bond of Geo. T.

Melvin and R. H. Gadd, as sureties.

Geo. W. King Printing Co., \$22,500, bond of United States

Fidelity and Guaranty Co.

Kelly, Benson & Co., \$24,100, bond of U. S. F. & G. Co.

Pearre E. Crowl Co., \$22,100, bond of U. S. F. & G. Co.

Edwin W. King, trading as King Brothers,

\$17,999, bond of U. S. F. & G. Co.

Meyer & Thalheimer, \$21,700, bond of American Bonding Co.

On motion of the Treasurer, seconded by the Comptroller, the Board decided to defer until next meeting consideration of the bids for state printing.

Nr. Edwin W. King, the lowest bidder, stated to the Board that the increased quantities required for the present law and the further exacting requirements as to time, etc., made the work, under the present Act, much more expensive, to the printer than it was formerly, and he also told the Board that the reason of his bid being just one dollar below the maximum which the Board agreed to consider, was that he had had full knowledge all the time that the law as passed named \$18,000 as the maximum amount, and that the printed law was incorrect.

The Board, on motion of the Treasurer, seconded by the Comptroller, ordered that the following bills for advertising for bids for the state printing be paid:

A. S. Abell Co., ----- \$27.23

Herald Publishing Co., ----- \$28.05

Advertiser, Annapolis, ----- \$15.00

The American (bill not yet received)

The Board further resolved, on motion of the Treasurer, seconded by the Comptroller, that the bill of the Remington Typewriter Company, for \$14.50 for book for recording Minutes of Board of Public Works be paid.

The Treasurer offered the following order which was seconded by the Comptroller and adopted:

Whereas, it became necessary to rebuild the Steamer "McLane" at a cost of over \$17,000, and the "Governor Thomas" at a cost of over \$11,000, and other repairs have been necessary to the vessels of the State Fishery Force, in order to make them sea-worthy, and,

Whereas, the revenues from the oyster fund have been insufficient to pay for these expenditures and to pay the current ex-

penses of the oyster police force, therefore, be it

Resolved, That T. B. C. Howard, Commander of the State Fishery Force is hereby authorized to borrow from the Farmers National Bank of Annapolis such sums of money at 5% as the said State Fishery Force may need for the months of August, September and October on drafts upon the Comptroller payable by the State on the first day of November, 1905, said drafts to be approved by a majority of the Board of Public Works.

I certify that the above is correct.

R. S. Hart, Secretary to the Governor.

July 27, 1905.

The Treasurer moved that the bonds filed by those who bid more than \$18,000 for the state printing, be returned to them; seconded by the Comptroller and carried.

On motion of the Treasurer, seconded by the Comptroller, the Board at 1:30 p. m., adjourned.

Conrad Tilghman

Secretary.